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ImageWriter Family & Scribe: Connecting To An IBM PC, PS/2, AT&T

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TOPIC-----

What are the cable and printer configurations that will interface an IBM PC, PS/2, AT&T 6300 or other IBM compatible to an ImageWriter I, ImageWriter 15", ImageWriter II, LQ or Scribe printer.

DISCUSSION-----

Cabling pinouts for a custom cable:

IBM PC (use female DB-25)	ImageWriter II or ImageWriter LQ (use circular 8 connector)
5,6 (CTS, DSR)	1 (DTR)
20 (DTR)	2 (DSR)
3 (RxD-)	3 (TxD-)
7 (SG)	4,8 (SG, RxD+)
2 (TxD-)	5 (RxD-)

IBM PC (use female DB-25)	ImageWriter/15"/Scribe (use male DB-25)
3 (RxD-)	2 (TxD-)
2 (TxD-)	3 (RxD-)
5 (CTS)	4 (RTS)
7 (SG)	7 (SG)
6 (DSR)	20 (DTR)

Reference:

RS232 Signal (DB-25 DTE)

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|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 - Sig Gnd | - Normally Shield or Chassis Ground |
| 2 - TXD | - Transmit Data |
| 3 - RXD | - Receive Data |
| 4 - RTS | - Request to Send |
| 5 - CTS | - Clear to Send |
| 6 - DSR | - Data Set Ready |
| 7 - GND | - SIGNAL Ground |

8 - DCD - Data Carrier Detect
20 - DTR - Data Terminal Ready
22 - RI - Ring Indicate

Set printer switches to the following settings for this configuration:

U.S. Character set,
66 lines per page,
8 data bits (1 stop bit, no parity),
pica character pitch,
no LF after CR,
9600 Baud,
Data Terminal Ready Protocol.

ImageWriter I Switch Settings:

 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
SW 1: (CLOSE)
 X X X X X X X X (OPEN)

SW 2: 4 3 2 1
 X X (CLOSE)
 X (OPEN)

ImageWriter II Switch Settings:

SW 1 : 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 X X X X X X X X (OPEN)
 (CLOSE)

SW 2: 1 2 3 4 5* 6*
 X X (OPEN)
 X X (CLOSE)

* NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE SWITCH 5 AND 6.

ImageWriter LQ Switch Settings:

SW 1: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 X X X X X X X X (OPEN)
 (CLOSE)

SW 2: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 X X X X X X (OPEN)
 X X (CLOSE)

SW 3: DO NOT TOUCH!

Finally, configure the serial port of the computer to match the printer configurations as above and assign the port to LPT1 by running this autoexec program:

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mode COM1:96,N,8,1,P
mode LPT1:=com1
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